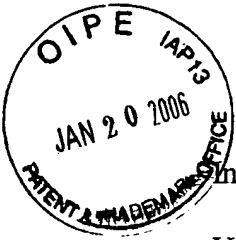


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REMARKS

The following document were cited in a European Search Report of a foreign counterpart application corresponding to the above-referenced application:

- (1) US 5,296,945;
- (2) US 4,679,095;
- (3) US 5,182,636;
- (4) US 4,393,399;
- (5) US 4,694,329; and
- (6) EP 0 429 992.

The Search Report is dated December 19, 2005. A copy of the Search Report is enclosed.

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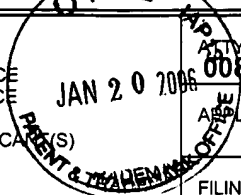
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